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WORLD ECONOMIC MEETING OPENS AT GENOA

U.S. WISHES SUCCESS TO CONFERENCE

Will Join When Europe's Political Stability Is Assured.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Washington, D. C. April 10.—America wishes success to the other nations of the world gathered at Genoa and stands ready to join in a conference on economic matters just as soon as the political stability of Europe is assured.

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Red Army Is Problem.

Of these is the reduction of land armament in Europe which is as much dependent upon Russia as it is upon Germany. There are reports here that the soviet have 100,000 men on their borders alone. Such a standing army is regarded as a menace by the rest of Europe. Until Russian demobilization is achieved, it is contended by France that she cannot reduce the size of her army. The United States for reasons of its own does not feel constrained to offer suggestions on purely political questions.

Official Silence Is Policy.

The attitude of America is necessarily one of official silence as the Genoa conference begins, but it can be stated positively that the sympathy of the United States government is with the work to be done at Genoa is of the warmest kind. The other nations may regret America's absence but the authorities here believe they will have cause to be thankful later on that the United States remained out of the Genoa conference. The success of the Genoa conference is a success of the world. The success of the Genoa conference is a success of the world. The success of the Genoa conference is a success of the world.

DOYLE IN U. S.

New York, April 9.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, British author and creator of the character of "Sherlock Holmes", arrived to deliver his lecture on spiritualism.

ITALIAN TOWNS VIE FOR HONOR AS SOVIET HOST

League May Be Called On to Settle Dispute.

Santa Margherita, Italy, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The towns of Santa Margherita and Rapallo are waging a bitter dispute regarding which municipality actually is host to the soviet delegation to the economic conference at Genoa. There is talk that the Genoa conference of the League of Nations may be called upon to arbitrate the difficulty.

While the Imperial Palace hotel in which the bolshevik delegates are living actually is within the municipal bonds of Rapallo, it is more than two miles from the Rapallo station and only two blocks distant from the Santa Margherita station. The hotel is but a few rods within the town limits of Rapallo, and the dividing line between the two municipalities is so artificial that the Santa Margherita realtors, hotel keepers and members of the Commercial club assert that it is an "outrage" for the economic conference and the Genoa newspaper to speak of the famous hotel as being in Rapallo and thus send visitors more than two miles out of the way to reach it.

Santa Margherita Disputed.

It is declared that when the impatient visitors reach Rapallo, they have to hire taxicabs or cabs in order to reach the hotel, with its medieval moats and porticoes, and sentries more picturesque than the Swiss guard at the Vatican. The forced extra journeys of the visitors is said to be lining the purses of the taxicab drivers and cabmen.

The charge is made also that this is the second time Rapallo has robbed Santa Margherita of its glory. The Italian-Jugoslav conference, which settled the Fiume dispute also met at the Imperial Palace Hotel, and the dispute resulted from the gathering was called the treaty of Rapallo, to the disgust of the loyal Santa Margheritans.

It is reported that the Italian government will purchase the hotel and make it a national monument to peace if the Genoa conference is successful, so there seems to be a very real reason why the Santa Margheritans write letters to the local papers and fight for their home town.

AMUNDSEN IS OFF FOR COAST

Arctic Explorer "Hops Off" in All-Metal Monoplane on First Lap of Flight.

Central Park, N. Y., April 10.—Captain Roald Amundsen, Arctic explorer, "hopped off" in an all-metal monoplane today for Cleveland, Ohio, on the first lap of a trans-continental flight which eventually will take him to Seattle, Wash., where he will leave June 1, for a drifting voyage in the North Polar regions.

He was accompanied by Lieutenant Oscar Odbal, Norwegian ace; R. Lewis, civilian pilot; Ernest Ruhl, mechanic; and Horace Gale, member of a firm of bond brokers.

The monoplane left Larsen Field, at 8:15 a. m. and the explorer said he hoped to be in Cleveland in time to spend several hours visiting friends. He planned to leave Cleveland for Chicago tonight. His contemplated route after leaving Chicago is Omaha, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, Reno, Sacramento and thence to Seattle.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled, rainy weather tonight and Tuesday. Colder Tuesday night. Shifting winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 72; lowest last night, 49. Precipitation, none.

12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. yesterday, yesterday today.

Dry bulb temp.	68	70	51
Wet bulb temp.	56	60	49
Relative humid.	48	55	85
River stage at 7 a. m., 9.8, a rise of .2 last 24 hours.			
Sunset today, 6:38 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow, 5:29 a. m.			
River forecast: The Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will continue to rise during the next 48 hours.			

ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

MINE KILLS SOLDIERS

Kellowna, Ill., April 9.—While searching for hidden arms a mine exploded killing 20 French soldiers and wounding a dozen.

MINE TEUP SPREADS IN PENN FIELD

Union Centers Effort to Organize Frick Company Workers.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 10.—Attorney General Daugherty, who arrived here from Washington today, unannounced, was declared authoritatively to be considering the dismissal of indictments pending here in federal court, which some operators have declared made impossible any wage conference that would and the coal strike, which began April 1.

The attorney general's mission was kept a secret and he refused to state his purpose, declaring he could do nothing "investigation of the purpose of my trip is complete, and I am satisfied that any action is right."

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 10.—Union leaders and coal operators today centered their attention on Fayette county where a strong force of picked organizers from the United Mine Workers were straining every nerve to organize the coal and coke workers of the H. C. Frick Coke company, the most important non-union coal producing concern in western Pennsylvania.

The union leaders insisted that they had made great headway and the operators agreed that about eight thousand men had quit work in some mines of the Frick company and in a much larger number of mines operated by independent companies.

Both sides were of the opinion that the next few days would tell the story.

A trip through the strike country from Westmoreland county to Mount Pleasant, Connellsville and Uniontown, and thence down through the Monongahela river district where numbers of independent mines and half a dozen of the Frick mines were closed last week, showed a country expectant.

Miners and their wives with whom the correspondents talked, expressed the opinion that scores of men who had never been in a strike would soon be out.

A party of correspondents, whose automobile was in need of repairs, engaged two young men in conversation by the roadside. Two men, each carrying a police club, and wearing stars with the designation of deputy-sheriffs, approached the group and asked what they wanted. When told the men were correspondents, one of the deputies said:

Pretend "Marital Law."

"While this marital law is on we have orders not to allow people to congregate in the road."

Marital law is not in force, however.

The weather was pleasant and scores of persons were along the highways, carrying in their hands the palms they had received at church.

The men who assembled for the miners' meeting in Uniontown were well dressed and bore a prosperous air.

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Late Bulletins

Paris, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—What is viewed as a grave crisis in the relations between France and Germany was reached today, with the possibility of the military occupation of further German territory pending itself, when a negative reply was received from the German government to the note of the reparations commission on the German reparations moratorium in which certain fiscal reforms were demanded of Germany.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 10.—Captain Roald Amundsen's monoplane which left New York this morning for Cleveland, on the first lap of a continental flight, was wrecked at Niles, Pa., this afternoon, according to a message received here late today by Charles A. Otis, local broker, from Horace Gale, his New York manager, and one of the party.

The telegram said that no one was injured and that Mr. Gale would reach Cleveland by train tonight.

Beardstown, Ill., April 10.—Water was on a level with the top of the levee here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, but no additional signs of weakening were noticeable.

The levee top has been raised six inches and a rush order has been sent to St. Louis for more sand bags, with which to build it still higher.

Chief of 'Flapper Cops' Is Acquitted and Washington Society Sighs With Relief

BY BURTON LEE.

Consolidated Press Correspondent. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Washington, April 10.—Mrs. Minnie C. Van Winkle has been acquitted and the flapper cops still live. Washington society has breathed a sigh of relief. For what Mrs. Van Winkle knows of Washington life still is an official secret. The police trial board didn't treat Mrs. Van Winkle "rough." The old steam roller which was to have flattened out the chief of women police failed to get up the proper amount of steam.

Various senators and representatives on Capitol Hill who know something of what Mrs. Van Winkle knows are greatly disappointed that the attempt to "railroad" her broke down. For they feel that the woman chief, scorned, could have furnished some very lively testimony before a congressional investigation committee.

Disobeyed Her Superior.

Mrs. Van Winkle is said to hold the highest police office of any woman in the country. She was accused of refusing to obey the orders of a superior officer. She is a lieutenant in rank and refused to release two runaway girls on the order of an inspector. The police board says she was not guilty, "but mustn't do it again." It also says she "has not a proper conception of the cardinal principle of discipline which must prevail in a police department."

"Isn't that just like men!" smiles Mrs. Van Winkle. "They think women because they are women, can't accept the principle of discipline. Such belief is unfortunate."

E. J. MURPHY, JOLIET STATE WARDEN, DIES

Heart Disease Cause Burdette Is There to of Death; Was 70 Years Old.

Joliet, Ill., April 10.—E. J. Murphy, warden of the Illinois state penitentiary here, died shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. His death ended 20 years of service as a warden. He had previously served as warden of the prison at Chester, Ill.

He was 70 years old and suffered an attack of heart disease several months ago which was followed by complications that resulted in his death.

Whitman Is Successor.

Springfield, Ill., April 10.—Control of Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet will be assumed by superintendent of prisons, John L. Whitman, until a successor is appointed. It was announced here today by Judge Chauncey H. Jenkins, director of public welfare, upon word of the death of Warden Murphy.

Special jury committee selected last week will draw 50 names from the new jury list this afternoon and the 50 so drawn will be called for the start of the governor's trial next Monday.

The jury committee placed 2,589 names in the jury box today for the Small case.

Two Lake Forest millionaires, Sylvan Thompson and Marvin Phillips, the latter president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, are among those whose names went into the box.

MISSOURI FORMS CON CON PROGRAM

St. Louis, Mo., April 10.—The program of Missouri was formulated in a meeting of the program committee here today, and includes the subjects of education, taxation, court simplification and relative matters.

Spinster, 74, Has Circled Globe 6 Times; Holds Proud Record of No Missed Trains

BY JANE COMPTON.

Consolidated Press Correspondent. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) New York, April 10.—Round the world six trips, and never missed a train—this is the record of Miss Celeste Miller which gives the courteous giggle to those anti-feminists who say no women is ever on time.

To circle the earth six trips is something. But to circle it without being late even once for a train, steamboat, rickshaw, caravan or catamaran—that is something for even a man to brag about.

Miss Celeste told today how she always manages to be on time; told it with justifiable pride as she paused in this city on her way to the Miller home in Chicago, after the latest lap of her 900,000 miles and 40 years of travel. She means to make it an even million miles before she is done, and the train never puffed or the camel never wheezed that can get under way without Miss Celeste aboard if aboard Miss Celeste should be. At the age of 74 she still is girdling the globe with no other language than English, no other escort than her timepieces, and no other weapon than her three-foot cane.

Carries Nine Timepieces.

It is of her unfailing ability to be on deck or station platform at the proper time that she is proud. After all, granted leisure and money, anyone can travel 900,000 miles. But it takes determination, shrewd planning and nine timepieces to hold the world's record for making trains. And Miss Celeste holds it.

"This is why," said the plump and diminutive lady, thrusting up her sleeve with characteristic energy to display a pair of wrist

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FLYERS PAY TRIBUTE TO COL. BECK

Shower Roses on Train Bearing Body—Jury Exonerates Day.

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 10.—The body of Lieutenant Colonel Paul Ward Beck, renowned aviator, who was slain here on the morning of April 4 by Jean P. Day, wealthy oil man and former judge, was started late yesterday on its journey to Washington, D. C., where it will be buried in Arlington National cemetery.

Mrs. Rachel Beck, the officer's mother, Lieutenant Paul Beck, Jr., his son, and Lieutenant John Beck, his nephew, left on the same train with the body.

Scene Is Impressive.

An impressive demonstration by officers of Post field, Oklahoma flying station, where Beck was commanding officer for more than a year, marked their farewell tribute to a comrade and one of the army's first fliers.

Showers of red roses were dropped on the train from four airplanes as it slowly pulled out of the station. For several miles the airplanes followed the train, staccato of their motors beating a solemn requiem in their comrade's honor.

Husband Was Justified.

Day was exonerated on Saturday night by a coroner's jury, which found that he was justified in slaying the officer when, according to his testimony, he found Beck in an attempt to assault Mrs. Day. The jury recommended that no charges be filed against him and County Attorney Forrest Hughes was to make a final decision in this respect today.

"There is nothing to warrant the spending of money in prosecuting Day unless brought to light," the county attorney was quoted as saying.

WORKERS STOP LEAK IN LEVEE

Beardstown Mayor Praises Heroism of Men Who Used Bodies to Hold Back High Waters.

Beardstown, Ill., April 10.—Heroism of workers, who a few days have stopped with their bodies the breaks in the levee protecting the city, was this morning given official recognition by Mayor Wesley Perry, whose earlier prediction that the levee cannot be expected to hold, was now being proved.

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MILLER REPORT REVEALS ALIEN PROPERTY HELD

Congress Must Plan Way to Settle American Claims.

Washington, April 10.—An accounting of the \$350,000,000 worth of enemy property held by the government was given the senate today in a report, the first compiled since February, 1918, filed by Alien Property Custodian Thomas W. Miller, in response to a resolution by Senator King, Democrat, of Utah.

"The final disposition of this property," Mr. Miller said, "will undoubtedly have a direct bearing on the economic relations between this country and Europe, with particular reference to the late enemy powers. The sequestered property will also have a bearing on the question of the settlement of American claims against Germany."

Dismissing the \$415,000,000 of American claims against Germany.

Mr. Miller recalled the terms of the Knox-Porter peace resolution indicating that no disposition should be made of enemy property held by the United States until the German government had provided for the satisfaction of all American claims. He asserted that congress must evolve some plan whereby American claims against Germany may be adjudicated by some proper tribunal created by law.

Claims Against Germany.

"There are several classes of claims against Germany," Mr. Miller said, "as for instance, those of Americans whose cash was seized by the German custodian and who are now being offered the return of their money at the depreciated value of the mark, which today is valued at 10 cents for the dollar, each mark or a reduction of 75 percent from the pre-war value. This proposition amounts to practical confiscation on the part of the German government. There are also claims on file with the state department for the loss of property and life at sea, growing out of submarine sinkings previous to April 1, 1917."

"If the German property were returned today without any conditions, the loss to the American people would require German nationals or other people under the jurisdiction of the German government, whose property was returned to them, to give up in taxes to the German government a major portion of the portions returned. One of the taxes assessed is known as the Empire Need tax, the revenues of which are utilized by the German government for its own nationals, and a second tax known as the indemnity tax, the proceeds of which are paid into reparations going to our allies."

Report Is Long.

"It has been suggested that the amount of money which the German government would realize from such taxation might form the basis of a fund to be left in this country, the same to be applied for the satisfaction of claims of American citizens against Germany, when these claims are adjudicated."

Mr. Miller's report consisted of thousands of typewritten pages giving the details of about 33,000 active trusts representing property in every state and territory in the United States and the Philippine Islands and Hawaii, consisting of industrial plants, steamship lines, banks, land and cattle companies, salmon factories, gold and silver mines and thousands of parcels of real estate and securities.

Answering charges by Senator King that property had been seized since peace was arranged with Germany last July, the report declared that the last property seized was that belonging to Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, which was seized on May 21, 1921.

Responding to inquiry for details of salaries and fees in connection with the enemy property, the report showed the following list:

Attorneys' fees, paid prior to March 4, 1921, \$2,138,546.

Attorneys' fees, paid since March 4, 1921, \$116,469.

Salaries of officers and directors of corporations previous to March 4, 1921, \$1,574,017.

Salaries since March 4, 1921, \$12,435.

Paid for accounting and appraisement, previous to March 4, 1921, \$1,984,059.

Paid for the same since March 4, 1921, \$2,718.

Paid for advertising and printing previous to March 4, 1921, \$258,067.

One accounting bill alone of \$173,757, the report declared, was paid to an accounting firm out of the congressional appropriation for a report covering various operations of the custodian's office to August, 1919, but which was not completed until April 1, 1921, and was then of no practical value. The report listed all money spent on advertising and the newspapers so favored.

MOONSHINER IS KILLED.

Herrin, Ill., April 10.—Frank Ziegman was killed by officers, who alleged that he defied them when they attempted to enter his home with a search warrant. They say they found a still in Ziegman's basement.

33 NATIONS SEEK WAY TO 'NORMALCY'

Most Important Assembly Since Versailles Peace Parley.

Genoa, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Genoa economic conference was formally opened this afternoon in the historic palace of St. George by Premier Facta of Italy.

Genoa, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nations of four continents today began efforts to restore to the world normal conditions. All plans had been completed today for this economic congress, generally regarded as the most important assembly since the Versailles peace conference.

Representatives of 33 states were prepared to take steps that it was hoped would lead to the economic reconstruction of Europe, the conference particularly to be concerned with plans for rebuilding Russia, which was admitted by many delegates to be a subject of supreme importance by itself, perhaps the most far-reaching question which the congress shall be called upon to solve.

U. S. Ambassador Present.

The ambassador of the United States, Richard Washburn Child, was to take his seat today in a position reserved for eminent guests. He was to attend all the open meetings. Formal opening of the sessions was to take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the palace of St. George, a picturesque structure built in 1260.

A list of the states represented with the number of their delegates follows:

South Africa, 4; Albania, 4; Australia, 6; Austria, 35; Belgium, 14; Bulgaria, 15; Canada, 2; Czechoslovakia, 30; Denmark, 10; Estonia, 25; Finland, 7; France, 89; Germany, 80; Great Britain, 123; Greece, 22; Ireland, 6; Italy, 400; Latvia, 6; Lithuania, 7; Luxembourg, 6; Norway, 8; New Zealand, 16; Holland, 16; Poland, 40; Portugal, 9; Rumania, 22; Russia, 13; Yugoslavia, 12; San Marino, 16; Spain, 16; Sweden, 10; Switzerland, 8; Hungary, 7.

Lloyd George Speaks.

Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain, who was the chief moving force behind the call for the conference, emphasized the vital necessity there was for Europe and the world of grasping earnestly with the problems confronting the conferees.

"I am sure all the delegations are in accord on one point," he said, "and that is to reach an agreement which will prevent renewal of international conflicts, thus re-establishing general peace and reciprocal confidence on a basis of economic prosperity."

In behalf of the French delegation it was said it had come in an open spirit, resolved to do all possible to accomplish the task set for the conference.

TORNADO HITS MISSOURI TOWN

Springfield, Mo., April 10.—Ash Grove, 20 miles northwest of here, was struck by a tornado early today, according to reports reaching here. One man was reported killed and several buildings destroyed. Wires are down and no definite information has as yet been received here.

HUSBAND DIES, WIDOW POISONS SELF SAME DAY

San Rafael, Cal., April 10.—Mrs. Alice Frey, widow of Frank Frey, counts the moments that physicians have said lie between her and death by poison and regrets the tardiness of their passing. Her husband, 50 years old, and four years her senior, died on Thursday, according to reports reaching here. The widow, unwilling to continue alone, that same day took a poison which, though slow to act, will prove deadly, attending physicians said.

Two days later when the first effect of the poison began to appear the woman walked into the coroner's office and asked that the funeral of her husband be postponed that she might be buried with him. This request was refused. His funeral is scheduled for today. She gave minute directions for her own burial at his side.